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## EXPECT 2600 AT FIRST TEAMSTER KIDDIE SHOW SAT. MORNING AT AUD.

More than 2600 children are expected at the first gala Teamsters Kiddie Show to be held Saturday morning at 10 o'clock at the Salinas High School Auditorium. All children 12 years and under are invited absolutely free. All children attending will be given membership in the Teamsters Kiddie Klub and will be presented with a membership button which will make them eligible to receive gifts and favors.

In addition to other gifts previously announced, a supply of comic books entitled "Joe Worker and the Story of Labor" will be distributed as an educational feature.

Plans for the series of shows call for cartoons, educational short subjects, and full length features at each of the semi-monthly programs. Teamsters Local 890 has purchased a professional picture outfit with sound equipment and is securing the films through an agency in Los Angeles.

Invited guests at Saturday's opening show will be the mayor, chief of police, and other city officials, members of the high school board, and other dignitaries.

The shows are part of a Teamster program to create interest in organized activity and to help prevent juvenile delinquency.

Wide praise is being given to the union's efforts in this direction. Kiddie shows sponsored by the Teamsters have met with great success in other sections of the state and have received much praise as a public relations effort designed for community betterment.

Bicycles and puppies are among the gifts to be distributed during the shows, along with numerous other favors.

## Mass Graduation Of Apprentices In Salinas Due

Plans for a graduation of all apprentices in training in the Salinas area were outlined at a meeting last week of the Salinas General Apprenticeship Committee, according to Carl Lara, committee secretary and also secretary of Salinas Painters Union 913.

Lara said that a tentative date for the mass graduation has been selected as Friday, June 3. Committee Chairman is W. K. Ward. Twenty-six apprentices in training in various crafts are ready to receive certificates of completion of their work, Lara said.

Named as a committee to make plans for the graduation were Lara and George Harter, secretary of Carpenters Union 925 of Salinas.

The general committee at its meeting paid respects to Claude Estel, veterans service officer of Salinas who is being transferred to Monterey.

School department officials informed the committee of steps being taken to get a co-ordinator for all apprentice activities in the area, in order that best possible courses may be offered and adequate equipment may be provided.

## Union Leaders Attend Meeting On Prisoners

Secretaries and business representatives of unions in the Salinas area which have apprenticeship training plans in operation were guests of Warden Webb of the state's medium security prison in Soledad last Friday night at a meeting for discussion of prisoner re-habilitation.

Robert E. Moore, head of the State Department of Employment office in Salinas, and others interested in apprenticeship and in placement of men on various jobs, were in attendance also.

The meeting was one in a series of similar gatherings in the state's new program for education and re-habilitation of prisoners.

## Steel Workers Busy at PG&E

Steel framework for the new steam generator being erected at Moss Landing for the Pacific Gas & Electric Co. is rising rapidly under skilled handling of union steel workers.

In a short time the steel workers will be sufficiently far along to allow other workers to move in and start the re-inforced concrete walls, it was reported.

## NOTICE TO CARPENTERS

There have been some instances where carpenters have come into the Salinas area and have gone to work without first reporting to the business agent of Salinas Carpenters Union 925. International Constitution of the union provides that any union carpenter going into the jurisdiction of another local union must go in person before officials of that union and make application for permit to work in that jurisdiction. Failure to clear with another union is a serious offense. Please contact Business Agent George Harter of Salinas Carpenters Union 925 upon arrival in Salinas and before going to work there. Harter's office is at 422 North Main St. (Highway 101), Salinas.

## Painters Due On PG&E Job In Few Weeks

First call for painters on the Pacific Gas & Electric Co. steam generating plant at Moss Landing is expected from Stone & Webster, general contractors, about the first of June, according to Carl Lara, secretary of Painters Union 1104 of Salinas.

Lara said that as yet no union painters have been called to the huge project but that structural steel will be erected and ready for painting in about another month.

Local 1104 has been making new gains in the Soledad area, he added. Loren Foster and Russell Gibbons, members of the union, have started contracting and are operating fully union in Soledad.

Lara said that he is making an effort to unionize Jones Painting Co. of Soledad, the firm having contract to re-paint a church in King City. Lara said he would contact the church group and ask their assistance in unionizing Jones or engaging some union firm.

Activity for members in the Salinas area, Lara said, includes: Work by Contractor W. L. Winters on the Santa Lucia Inn redecorating job, now nearing completion.

Redecorating of the Vogue Dress Shop, by Buchanan Painting Co., also near completion. Start of painting of the new Knights of Pythias building on the Monterey Highway, J. T. Brown, contractor.

## Bond Election For \$2,200,000 Set in Salinas

Voters in the Salinas Union High School District will vote on Monday, June 6, on a \$2,200,000 bond issue which would raise funds for necessary school expansion and other improvements, it was announced last week.

Superintendent of Schools J. Frederic Ching said that the bond issue is proposed as a substitute for the 50-cent special tax voted last year after voters had rejected a similar bond issue. Date set is that of the regular Salinas city election.

The tax fails to raise sufficient funds for necessary building programs and the bond issue would allow a reduction in this 50-cent tax and in addition would allow the building programs to be started at once, he explained.

Unless funds for El Sausal and Washington junior high schools are provided, the high school must resort to two sessions a day to handle the increased number of students, he added. In addition, some more earthquake-proofing on present buildings would be possible under the new bond issue plan, plus shop buildings and more school buses.

Dental practice in the United States was first recorded about 1785.



**ENGINEERS HONORED**—Nick Phillips, left, one of 23 members of the International Union of Operating Engineers honored by the union for their efforts in valiant rescue attempts to save the life of little Kathy Fiscus who fell into an abandoned well in San Marino, Calif., receives an award from J. C. Fitzgerald, district representative for the union. Phillips operated a crane for 42 hours during the frenzied rescue period.

## What Is the Matter With The Taft-Hartley Act?

In ten simple answers that any American citizen can understand Representative George G. Sadowski of Michigan explained to his fellow members in the House of Representatives on April 7th, why the Taft-Hartley Act must go. The ten reasons:

"I will give ten examples of ways in which the Taft-Hartley Act is loaded against unions—ten reasons why it is unfair, unjust, and evil law that outrages the American sense of fair play:

"First. An employer charge of unlawful sympathetic strike must be given priority treatment, regardless of the number of union unfair labor practice charges on the docket.

"But a union charge, no matter how urgent or important, must await its turn in the tedious procession of the Taft-Hartley Board. FIRE, RIGHT NOW

"Second. If union members strike during the term of the contract or before the expiration of a 60-day notice, in order to change the conditions of the contract, they may be fired summarily without right to reinstatement.

"But if the employer locks out the union members for the same purpose or unilaterally breaches the contract he may only be charged with an unfair labor practice—and much, much later be told not to do it again.

"Third. If the NLRB entertains a charge by an employer of unlawful sympathetic strike the Board must seek an injunction.

"But in no kind of unfair labor practice charge by a union is the NLRB required to seek an injunction.

UNION CAN'T SUE

"Fourth. If the union participates in sympathetic strikes or boycotts which are unfair labor practices the employer may sue the union for damages.

"But there is no unfair labor practice on the part of the employer which also entitles the union to sue for damages.

"Fifth. If, during a strike for a new contract, the employer hires scabs and petitions for an NLRB certification election strikers are not allowed to vote.

"But all the scabs can vote.

"Sixth. In every grievance, the employer has the right to press his interpretation of the contract.

"But in grievances that may be taken up by individuals, the union has no say as to what the contract means.

MORE ONE-SIDED

"Seventh. Unions must file full financial data in order to utilize the NLRB.

"But employers need file no financial data in order to utilize the Board.

"Eighth. Union officers must reveal political beliefs and swear to political affidavits before their unions can utilize the Board.

"But employers may keep their political affiliations and opinions secret and still retain full access to the NLRB.

DELAY UNIONS, NOT BOSS

"Ninth. Union cases are subject to periodic and continued delay while registration and affidavits are brought up-to-date annually when new financial reports are due.

"Employers however, are subject to no such delays.

"Tenth. The Law prevents union members from combating sweatshop labor within their own industry by refusing to handle non-union goods.

## CIO-FTA Head Blasts U.S. In Paris Talk

Donald Henderson, president of the CIO Fruit, Tobacco and Agricultural Workers Union, which has a branch in Salinas, delivered several verbal blasts at the United States recently when addressing the so-called "World Peace Congress" in Paris.

He declared the United States government is "using every device and trick to confuse, divide, bribe, and use the Democratic people as weapons against the forces of Democracy in the world." He termed Washington, D. C., as headquarters of "World Imperialism."

In addition, Henderson said that "American workers will not be driven into a war with Soviet Russia."

His remarks are being publicized by the AFL Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Workers Union 912 of Salinas, which is steadily gaining representation and support in the lettuce sheds of this area.

## Sugar Workers Elect Officers

Newly elected officials of Sugar Refinery Workers Union 20616 of Spreckels and the Salinas area were announced last week. The union, currently negotiating for a new contract, is headed by: President—Frank Hughes. Vice-president—Andy Snyder. Secretary—Robert MacRossie.

## Louise Raines Weds Cleaner

Louise B. Raines, office secretary for the Monterey headquarters of General Teamsters Union 890, was married last week to Robert Morgan, a Monterey dry cleaner, friends report. The new Mrs. Morgan is expected to keep working for the present and the couple will take their honeymoon trip at a later date, it was reported.

## CCL Lauded by Big Biz Dailies for Its Commie Union Policy

Ottawa.—The financial pages of most of Canada's big business dailies are playing up a recent statement made by the leaders of the Canadian Congress of Labor that the CCL "intends to isolate communist-dominated unions."

The statement of the CCL, which is the parent organization of CIO unions in Canada, is being lauded by the big business dailies, which are openly speculating that the CCL attack on left-wing unions may stymie any general campaign for a fourth round of wage increases this year.

## Rich Farm Solons Ask Slave Market With Idle Pay Bill

### State Council Squares Beef At Sierra Mill

On April 11, 1949, after fruitless attempts to straighten out the construction by the American River Pine Company of a lumber mill at Forest Hill, Local 1486 of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America of Auburn, California, filed unfair labor practice charges with the N.L.R.B., charging discrimination in hiring, and placed picket lines at the project.

On Thursday, April 21, 1949, largely through the good offices of the general president of the State Building and Construction Trades Council, Frank A. Lawrence, the dispute involving a number of other crafts of America, including the Laborers, was terminated and the picketlines withdrawn.

### Fed. Urges Ignore Cal. Legisl. Conf.

San Francisco.—The California Legislative Conference is apparently planning renewed activities during the coming months. This organization has been and will continue to be condemned by the California State Federation of Labor as a communist-front organization.

The statewide meeting of the Conference held in Los Angeles in August 1947 served as the launching platform for the Independent Progressive Party. An hour after the Conference meeting adjourned, the Conference's leading delegates reconvened to establish a committee, under Hugh Bryson, to make the IPP a legal political party in California.

The co-chairman of the California Legislative Conference, Reuben Borough, has had extensive affiliations with communist-front organizations, was chairman of the IPP Platform Committee during 1948, and was a member of the IPP State Central Committee. He resigned his co-chairmanship of the Conference in September 1948 in order to devote all his energies to the IPP.

Of the 29 persons whose names have appeared in connection with two or more of the Conference's meetings, 13 have had extensive affiliations with communist-front organizations and/or have been active in the Independent Progressive Party. An additional nine individuals have had some affiliation with communist-front organizations.

This organization is clearly controlled by communists and communist sympathizers and, regardless of its program, is a completely unsuitable organization for A. F. of L. unions.

### Probe Spread In Food Prices

Washington.—Chairman Burnet R. Maybank (D., S. C.) of the Senate Banking Committee announced in mid-April that press of other business will keep the committee from making immediate plans for an investigation into the spread between prices paid by consumers for agricultural products and those paid to the farmer.

The Rules Committee recommended \$60,000 for the investigation. The original request by Maybank's group was for \$50,000. The Rules Committee recommended the additional \$10,000 so the inquiry could be broadened to include a general investigation of housing, small business, and aid to veterans.

### FBI Gets Big Budget

Washington.—The \$1,598,141 of requested appropriations granted the Federal Bureau of Investigation by the House Appropriations Committee in excess of the sum requested by President Truman and the Budget Bureau will be used to hire 1,000 additional employees for subversive activity work, it has been learned.

### "Take Any Job at Any Pay," 902 Says

(State Fed. Release) The first of Senator Kraft's many bills to weaken the Unemployment Insurance Act passed the Senate Committee on Social Welfare on April 20. This measure, SB-902, requires individuals applying for benefits to accept any available employment in various areas at arbitrary wages. The only dissenting committee vote was that of Senator Collier.

Senator Kraft's other bills attacking the Unemployment and Disability Insurance Act are listed

### "Hot Cargo" Still Pending in Assembly

SB-1066 is still pending in the Assembly, together with a similar measure, AB-2189, which comes before the Assembly Industrial Relations Committee on May 5.

These unfair measures force one employer to help another during a strike or lockout, but forbid unions to help each other in such situations.

WRITE YOUR ASSEMBLYMAN TODAY OPPOSING THESE MEASURES!!

In the "Summary of Proposed Legislation," beginning on page 91. If successful, these measures would reduce the unemployment insurance system to a mere employment service and would make it almost impossible for an unemployed worker to collect insurance benefits.

Union members can protect their rights in this matter by writing to Senator H. E. Dillinger, chairman of the Senate Committee on Social Welfare, and to the other members of the committee, whose names are as follows:

Fred H. Kraft, San Diego; Fred Weybreit, Monterey and San Benito; F. Presley Abshire, Sonoma; Charles Brown, Inyo and Kern; Burt W. Busch, Lake and Mendocino; Randolph Collier, Del Norte and Siskiyou; Nelson S. Dilworth, Riverside; and Clyde A. Watson, Orange.

### State Control of Grog Is Proposed

(State Fed. Release) San Francisco.—The Attorney General issued a title and summary on April 25 for an initiative measure to replace the present Section 22 of Article 20 of the State Constitution.

From the title and summary, it appears that the initiative will provide for the exclusive sale of liquor through state-owned package stores for off-sale purposes. It also provides, apparently, for local option on all types of liquor sales.

The state-owned package stores would be operated by a Liquor Control Commission, which would be empowered to borrow money, collect taxes, manufacture liquor, regulate and prohibit advertising, as well as administer the state's liquor laws. Customers at package stores would be required to buy an annual permit costing \$1.

The proponents of the measure is Charles A. Cooper, 8812 Haas Ave., Los Angeles 44. Before the measure can qualify for the ballot it must obtain the necessary 204,672 valid signatures.

### Butchers' Local Gets Label on More Soap

Packhouse Local Union No. 186 of the AFL Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America has signed a Union Label agreement with the North Coast Chemical & Soap Works of Seattle, Washington. This firm does business in the eleven Western States.

Charles J. Mentrin, vice-president of the Washington State Federation of Butchers, and business representative of the local union, issued an announcement to union men and women who use these products in their work. In part, he said: "For upwards of two decades this corporation, which sells its products for industrial and institutional use, has maintained a friendly union plant. This firm deserves your patronage."

### Senate Kills Adequate Rise In Injury Pay

(State Fed. Release)

San Francisco.—On April 21, the State Senate Committee on Labor killed practically all chances for improved workmen's compensation legislation. A major State Federation of Labor bill, AB-125, which would have increased maximum benefits from \$30 to \$40 a week, was killed by the committee. Employers argued that they could not afford the increased cost under present uncertain conditions, and claimed, further, that the increased cost would be fantastic. Federation Counsel Scully pointed out that the cost would be but \$6 million annually, since employers would recover more in refunds than they would pay out in increased premiums. It is not clear why the members of the Senate committee felt that workers could more easily bear the cost of an accident in a depression than could employers.

On the same day, the same committee also killed SB-575, a Federation bill which would have increased death benefits under the workmen's compensation law. The vote of the committee on both AB-125 and SB-575 was: for labor—H. E. Dillinger, Harold T. Johnson and Gerald J. O'Gara; against labor—H. R. Judah, Clarence C. Ward, J. Howard Williams and Fred Weybreit.

The same committee also amended Federation bill AB-185, requiring supplemental awards for attorneys' fees, and the bill now bears little resemblance to the measure originally introduced by the Federation.

The only bright spot in the otherwise black record of the State Senate during the week of April 20 was the passage of Federation bill AB-123 by the Senate. Senator Reagan's thoroughly convincing argument and excellent handling of the debate on the floor obtained unanimous approval of this measure, which guarantees that no deductions can be made from individual benefits accruing from simultaneous temporary and permanent disabling injuries.

### Cal. Farm Workers Face Tough Times

San Francisco.—Times have been bad for agricultural workers in California this spring and summer, says Edward F. Hynes, chief of farm placement of the State Dept. of Employment.

Largely because growing unemployment in manufacturing trades is forcing permanent residents of the state to seek agricultural work, the farm labor market has been saturated, Hays said. There will be relatively little work this year for the migrant workers who have always been the backbone of California's huge "factories in the fields," he predicted.

"The winter seasonal low in farm jobs has passed," Hays said, "but unemployment among farm workers is expected to continue at high level."

The greatest single farm area—the San Joaquin valley—is in particularly bad shape this year. Mgr. Ralph Burje of the valley's Agricultural Labor Bureau, said a survey showed a labor surplus in practically every part of the area.

### Stand. Oil Profit, Million a Day

New York.—The Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey averaged \$1 million a day in profits throughout 1948. Total profits of the Rockefeller-owned company reached an alltime high last year after taxes, according to its annual report released April 25. They stood at \$365,604,976, or a little over a million for each day of the year.

The 1948 take represented a big increase over the previous year's record-setting profits. For 1947, the company had reported net profit of \$268,626,580.

## Here Are Your Representatives

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Washington, D. C.  
Home: Tribune Tower  
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Salinas, Calif.

Assemblyman James W. Silliman  
The State Capitol  
Sacramento, Calif.  
Home: 236 Hawthorne St.  
Salinas, Calif.

## In Union Circles

Lester Caveny, business agent of the Monterey Fish Cannery Workers Union, was in Sacramento most of last week assisting labor groups in activity in connection with proposed state legislation which will affect sardine fishing.

CORRECTION: In last week's Labor News it was erroneously reported that Sheds S. ("Buck") Russo, city councilman seeking reelection next Tuesday in Monterey, was a member of the AFL Fishermen's union. Actually he is a member of the Motion Picture Operators Union (IATSE) Local 611.

A. J. Clark, secretary of Salinas Bartenders Union 545 and also secretary of the Local Joint Executive Board, reported last week that he is facing a minor operation and will be away from his office for a few days.

Secretary George L. Rice of Monterey Culinary-Bartenders Union 483, has been in Chicago attending the international convention of his craft. He is due back late this week.

Construction has been started on the new hall and office building for Monterey Carpenters Union 1323 on the union's property in New Monterey. The building will take several months.

## Machinist Union Officials Attend Training Meets

Officials of Machinists District Lodge 93 of San Jose, covering Santa Clara, Santa Cruz and Monterey counties, have been in attendance at special Education-Training Institute sessions in Sacramento and San Francisco.

Conducted by Tom Tippet, educational director for the International Association of Machinists, the institutes are to provide organizers and business representatives with labor's historical background and information on labor relations, negotiations and contract preparation and interpretation, it was reported.

Attending the Sacramento institute from Lodge 93 were Business Representative E. B. Scott, Organizer Charles Downs of the San Jose area, and Organizer A. B. Woodward, of Santa Cruz and Monterey counties.

Attending the San Francisco institute from the lodge were Business Representative Frank W. Gorham and Organizer Edward Griep, both of the San Jose area.

## Culinary Gains In Salinas Told

Membership gains in Salinas Culinary Alliance 467 during recent weeks have brought the union to its greatest membership strength in the organization's history, according to Secretary Bertha A. Boles.

Work continues to be plentiful and few idle members are reported, she added.

During April, the union accepted 11 new members by initiation and 16 others transferred into Local 467 from other areas.

## Some Summer Sardine Pack

One day of work of packing sardines—possibly the start of the usual "summer pack"—was reported last week by the Monterey Fish Cannery Workers Union.

The first summer sardine canning was by California Packing Corp. plant. No other plants have informed the union of summer plans, it was reported.

Some sardine has been boxed for freezing in other plants, the union said, but there has been no sustained activity along Cannery Row.

California has more than eight million acres of irrigable land,



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## HOW DO YOU STAND, BROTHER?

This is addressed to the faultfinders, who are eternally harping about what other members of both their own and other people's unions are doing or failing to do. You seem to expect everything of the other fellow, but what are you doing to hold your own end up?

Too often you are doing little or nothing to help anybody else, but you expect everybody to help you. Your unionism centers almost entirely about yourself. You expect the entire union movement to line up obediently for you but when it comes to doing as much in return you can find a thousand excuses for failing to do so then.

Unfortunately for you but fortunately for everybody else unions function for the welfare of others as well as for you. You cannot start out on the assumption that it is a case of always get and never give, for in the nature of fairness and justice to your fellowmen it is up to you to give as much as you get in order to retain a fair balance.

Unless you are willing to sacrifice as much for the benefit of the other fellow, as you expect him to give up for you, you better cut out the carping and do some honest-to-goodness thinking about getting right yourself before you pop off again.

## TIME TO GET BUSY IS NOW

Although next year's primary election is fully a year away it is up to every man and woman who must depend upon work for a living to start to get busy immediately for there is a job to do next year that won't be half done unless you start the campaign now.

Do you realize that over half of the people, who live in this country and who are entitled to vote, do not bother to cast their ballot, even though they are registered, but a far greater number never bother to register, hence they do not count at all when election day approaches.

In California every citizen of the United States, who will have resided a year or longer in this state when the next election is held, is entitled to vote provided he is registered in time. Voters can register now any week day in the county court house of the county in which they are living. Every citizen has enough at stake so that he should not neglect to take a special trip to get this done.

Next year we have a state election to choose public servants from governor down to the smallest elective office. We also have members of the state legislature and members of Congress first to nominate and later to elect. Now is the time we should be casting about to get suitable candidates in the field, besides helping to get every last voter registered, so they can vote when the election comes.

## MUST SELECT OUR CANDIDATES

Why is Congress and our State Legislature so full of anti-labor lawmakers, who make it their business to serve special interests instead of serving the common people, who supplied most of the votes that elected these unfaithful public servants to office?

The chief reason is that most of the voters took no hand in getting the right kind of candidates to stand for election. On the other hand big business interests spent both time and money to promote the candidacy of people who would serve them, if and when elected.

Where we have fallen down is in our failure to select the right kind of candidates to make our laws in Washington and Sacramento. The proof of this is being produced every day by lawmakers many of us helped to elect. We can judge them now by their acts and their votes on laws that are either good or bad for the majority of our people.

It is becoming clearer every day that we have an enormous lot of housecleaning to do in both our national Congress and in our state legislature. We must locate the bad eggs and weed them out. We must replace these with men or women we can depend on.

## SHORTER WORKDAYS MUST COME

In the rush of war activity a lot of working people have lost sight of a number of vital principles and working rules that will be badly needed again as soon as the mad rush created by war is over.

Probably the most vital of them all will be a shorter workday, in order to supply jobs to a larger number. Already the need for such a shorter workday is beginning to be keenly felt as the number of unemployed is on the increase.

Two factors make shorter hours inevitable. One of these is labor saving machines; the other is the speeding up of both machines and operations generally.

Output per man has doubled and trebled during recent years. This means that in many industries the average output of each worker is now as great in six hours as it was in twelve to eighteen hours not so very many years ago. The sensible way to readjust ourselves to these conditions is to shorten the workday enough to absorb the unemployed.

THE PRESIDENT ENDORSES THE  
 UNION INDUSTRIES SHOW  
 CLEVELAND, OHIO

THE WHITE HOUSE  
 WASHINGTON

December 15, 1948

Dear Mr. Ornburn:

The annual exhibit of the Union Label Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor has been highly successful in years past in demonstrating to the public the benefits gained when labor and management work together and display the things they have produced under good working conditions.

These exhibitions show that harmony between labor and management is practical and possible and that the most desired goals can be reached through industrial cooperation. Such cooperation makes for increased production, higher wage purchase power, and greater sales of the products bearing the union label.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. I. M. Ornburn,  
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I. M. ORNBURN, DIRECTOR,  
 RECEIVING THE MESSAGE  
 FROM JOHN R. STEELMAN,  
 ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

## "Billions of Defense Dollars Are Wasted by Brass Hats"

By ALBERT H. JENKINS in "Labor"

By the almost unanimous vote of 271 to 1, the House passed a \$16 billion military appropriation bill, a record breaker for peacetime. That is another sign that Congress does not want to skimp on defense dollars.

The only vote against the bill was cast by Congressman Marcantonio, leader of the New York American Labor Party, generally regarded as Communist-controlled.

Members of Congress, however, suspect that defense is costing more than it should. Their suspicions are caused by some extraordinary developments.

## WASTE \$1.5 BILLION

First, a "Hoover commission" report declared that the army, navy and air force are wasting "at least" \$1.5 billion a year.

Then Army Secretary Royall and Air Secretary Symington—who have headed two of the armed forces for several years—went before a Senate committee and largely confirmed the military waste charges.

Royall put the waste at about \$1 billion a year, but found fault with some of the Hoover commission's specific findings.

That brought a blast from the Hoover reports' real author, Ferdinand Eberstadt, who headed the Hoover "task force" on military matters.

## ALL THREE AGREE

The "at least \$1.5 billion" charges are true, not only in the total sum, but in the detailed kinds of waste, insisted Eberstadt, who is a Wall Street investment banker and a thorough militarist.

Eberstadt, Royall and Symington not only agreed that vast sums of defense dollars are "going down the drain," they also agreed on the only way it can be stopped.

That is, by passing some such bill as the one now before the Senate Armed Services Committee. This measure would set up a new National Defense Department, headed by a Secretary of Defense, and would try to make him a real boss of the "Brass Hats."

## "MERGER" PROVES FLOP

Back in 1947, Congress decided to stop waste and quarreling between the generals and admirals by "unifying" the army, navy and air force. When the top military men got wind of what was going on, they said "let us write the bill."

So Congress passed a "military merger" act written by the "Brass Hats" themselves. It set up a "National Defense Establishment," headed by a Defense Secretary.

In the two years since then, that post was held by James Forrestal, a Wall Street investment banker.

## HAS NERVOUS BREAKDOWN

Forrestal recently retired, and now is in a hospital under treatment for a "nervous breakdown," said to have been caused by his long and unsuccessful efforts to curb the "brawling" among the Brass Hats.

Forrestal has a reputation as a "tough," but a man described as still tougher—Louis A. Johnson, has replaced him as Defense Secretary.

No matter how tough Johnson is, he can't stop the waste and make the Brass Hats behave unless Congress gives him more power, according to Eberstadt, Royall and Symington. It is not a pretty picture, but those three men have been sizing up the situation for a long time, and from the "inside." DOES IT MEAN THIS?

The average citizen with no spe-

cial knowledge of the subject will wonder what the new military merger bill, sponsored by Senator Tydings (D., Md.), really means.

Hanson W. Baldwin of the New York "Times," former naval officer and long a leading writer on military subjects, says the bill will create "a super-chief of staff of the armed forces, a move which will go further than any change yet made to centralize military authority in military hands."

In other words, the vast military machine which now affects all fields of American life will be run by a "super" Brass Hat in uniform, instead of by Johnson or any other civilian defense secretary.

That's a pretty serious charge, and Congress should go into it fully before passing the bill.

## LOPPED OFF \$1 BILLION

Congressman Cannon (D., Mo.), chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, told the House this week that 76 cents of each \$1 "niche Sam spends nowadays is for national defense, international affairs, veterans, and interest on the national debt."

Thus, the cost of past wars and preparations for future wars will take more than \$30 billion of the \$42 billion national budget for the year ending June 30, 1950.

These "defense" costs could not be cut by his committee or the House, Cannon said, but they succeeded in lopping off more than \$1 billion of the \$10 billion proposed in the budget for the non-war agencies of the government, the ones which get the other 24 cents of each \$1 spent by Uncle Sam.

These agencies are putting pressure on the Senate to restore the cuts made by the House.

## CHARGE "EXTRAVAGANCE"

All the appropriations bills—defense and others—went through the House with scarcely a dissenting vote. After they were passed, however, some oldline Republicans began charging the "Democratic Congress" with "extravagance," and said much bigger "savings" can and should be made.

## Seattle Butchers Gain Union Label Agreement

Washington.—Packinghouse Local Union 186 of the AFL Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America signed a union label agreement with the North Coast Chemical & Soap Works of Seattle, according to an announcement by I. M. Ornburn, secretary-treasurer of the AFL's Union Label Trades Department.

Charles J. Mentrin, vice president of the Butchers and business representative of the local union, issued an announcement to union men and women who use these products in their work. In part, he said:

"For upwards of 2 decades this corporation, which sells its products for industrial and institutional use, has maintained a friendly union plant. This firm deserves your patronage. Look for the Amalgamated stamp. It's on their products."

## GRIN or GROAN

An old gentleman who was searching for his hat the other day was profuse in his thanks to the man who pointed out that it was on his head.

"But for you, sir," he said, "I would have had to go without it."

One would never think that this country was founded to avoid excessive taxation.

Untold wealth is the amount you didn't report on your income tax return.

A reader sent in a clipping from a Personal Ad in an Eastern paper. "Young Republican would like to marry young Democrat. Object: Third party."

My niece spent the first night of her honeymoon in Palm Springs. She is a pretty good sport and didn't mind all the old shoes she found tied on the ear the next morning. She was rather annoyed though, with the large sign which read, "Amateur Night."

"I'm proud to say I'm a self-made man."

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The strongest man in the world is he who stands alone.—Ibsen.

"The average woman has a vocabulary of only eighteen hundred words." It is a small stock, but think of the turnover.

She wanted to impress the Hollywood magnate with whom she sat at dinner, and remarked, gushingly: "I love Keats."

"Dot's fine," he replied. "I'm always glad to meet a young lady who loves children."

"Call the manager—I never saw anything as tough as this steak." You will, sir," replied the waiter, "if I call the manager."

Our stenographer is so dumb she thinks smelling salts are sailors with BO.

Might check up on our lawmakers to find out if they are U.N. conscious, or mere unconscious.

No need to worry about inflation. It's just a drop in the bucket.

"I'm not so much for bathrobes," said the man from the back woods. My son John sent me one for Christmas and tried bathing in it just once. If it wasn't for the style of it, I could get along a lot better without it."

"I'd like to be the lucky man Whom first my missus wed: So true, so kind, so courteous, And, what is more, so dead."

Dad—"You mustn't pull the cat's tail."

Sonny—"I'm only holding it. The cat is pulling."

One evening after a very late meeting, Joe Ziff was trying to enter the house without awakening his wife, but he stumbled around and made a lot of noise. The wife cried out, "Is that you, Joe?"

Joe replied, "Well, by George, it had better be me."

## AUTO HINTS

CAR LUBRICATION—The average automobile should receive a thorough chassis lubrication every 1000 miles or once a month, whichever comes first.

SHOCK ABSORBERS—Automobile shock absorbers should be checked and serviced at regular intervals. Fluid should be kept at factory recommended level and supporting arms should be kept securely fastened to the car frame.

FOR YOUR SAKE—In heavy traffic, make haste slowly for your own safety's sake, urges the California State Automobile Association.

OIL CONSUMPTION—Hot weather and high speed, combined with worn pistons, rings and cylinder walls, may cause your car's oil consumption to increase at a rapid rate.

WHEN TO CHECK—Tire pressure should always be checked when the tires are cool. Air expands when heated and correct readings cannot be obtained when tires are hot from driving. New tire low pressure tires may register six to eight pounds over normal, if checked after a long drive.

Motor Temperature—Proper heat is essential to efficient automobile engine performance. If the motor is operated continually at too low a temperature, harmful sludge may accumulate in the crankcase. Thermostats are provided for the purpose of controlling engine temperature.

IGNITION POINTS—Burned and pitted ignition points are frequently at fault when an automobile engine refuses to start.

Paco gambling was introduced into France in 1674.

## Judge Bars Union-Boss Agreement on Sales

Los Angeles.—Union butchers here cannot prevent market owners from selling packaged meats after the butchers' quitting time. That was the effect of a ruling by injunction-granting Superior Court Judge Clarence M. Hanson as he restrained 40 market owners from joining with Local 421, Amalgamated Meat Cutters & Butcher Workmen (AFL) in a contract that would prohibit such sales.

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## Slight Rise in Building Trades Pay, 1st Quarter

Basic wage scales of union workers in the construction industry rose two-tenths of one per cent during the first quarter of 1949, compared to a rise of one and six-tenths per cent in the same period of 1948, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U. S. Department of Labor has announced on the basis of its quarterly survey of seven major trades in 85 cities. Higher wage scales were negotiated for some of the crafts in 27 of the 85 cities and affected about four per cent of the 500,000 workers covered by the survey. Local unions in 22 cities reported that negotiations for new agreements were in progress on April 1.

Between April 1, 1948 and April 1, 1949, union wage scales in the building trades advanced nine per cent, compared to an increase of eleven per cent during the previous year. The Bureau's estimate of the average pay scale of union workers in all construction trades was \$2.17 an hour on April 1, 1949.

Since June 1939 union wage scales have advanced 68 per cent, while a rise of 72 per cent has occurred in the Consumers' Price Index up to March 1949. A post-war comparison, based on July 1945, shows advances of 45 per cent in wage scales to April 1949 and 31 per cent in the Consumers' Price Index to March 1949.

Estimated increases in union rates from January 3, 1949 and rate levels for April 1, 1949 in 85 cities are shown below. The average rates include the increases in each trade applied to all union workers in the trade.

Amount of Increase January 3, 1949 to April 1, 1949			
	Pct.	Low	High
Bricklayers	0.5	1.4	
Carpenters	.1	.3	
Electricians	.4	.9	
Painters	.1	.3	
Plasterers	.9	2.4	
Plumbers	.3	.8	
Bldg. Laborers	.1	.2	

Rate Levels—April 1, 1949			
	Low	Av.	High
Bricklayers	\$1.75	\$2.72	\$3.25
Carpenters	1.50	2.24	3.00
Electricians	1.75	2.45	3.00
Painters	1.38	2.16	2.50
Plasterers	1.75	2.61	3.25
Plumbers	1.75	2.50	3.00
Bldg. Laborers	.75	1.44	2.13

Union wage statistics for the above seven trades are collected quarterly by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The data exclude overtime beyond agreed-upon maximum weekly hours and do not reflect either rates for apprentices or premium rates; thus, they do not represent total hourly earnings for union labor.

## \$1.05 Minimum Wage Set for Textile Group

Washington.—Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin ordered the establishment of a minimum wage of \$1.05 an hour, or \$42 for a 40-hour week, in the woolen and worsted industry for work performed under the Walsh-Healey Public Contracts Act. The order is effective May 14, 1949.

In addition, the secretary established a tolerance for learners and beginners, those employees having less than 320 hours' experience in the industry, authorizing the payment of a subminimum rate of not less than 90 cents an hour, or \$36 for a 40-hour week, unless experienced workers in the same plant and occupation are paid on a piece-rate basis.

In such instances, learners and beginners must be paid the same piece-rates paid to experienced workers and earnings based on those piece-rates if their earnings are in excess of 90 cents an hour. The learning period is limited to 320 hours, but if the learner or beginner has had previous experience in the industry the number of hours of such experience must be deducted from the 320-hour learning period.

The secretary's order is the first minimum wage order under the act for this industry.

There are approximately 150,000 workers in the industry.

## 4,000 Strike

Louisville, Ky.—About 4,000 employees of Reynolds Metals Company returned to work April 11 after a six-day strike over lower pay at company plants in the deep south. The strike involved 1,800 workers here and another 2,200 in Alabama, St. Louis, Richmond, Va., and Glendale, N. Y.

The International Council of Aluminum Workers (AFL) declared the walkout had wiped out half of the six-cents-an-hour difference in wage rates in Reynolds' Alabama plants. Union members said the differential had caused the company to move many of its operations to Alabama in recent months. Employees in Alabama plants returned to work under an agreement calling for a seven-cent hourly increase. The company refused to sign a joint contract for all the plants.

## AGC Date Up 30 Days

AGC and five AFL crafts covering northern California have agreed to a 30-day extension of their contracts from the May 1 expiration date, it was reported yesterday after negotiations resumed in mid-week from last month's recess. An additional 15-day extension to June 15 if necessary was seen as a possibility.

Labor stood on its requests for a wage increase, though some modification was allowed in original requests. The employers stood on their proposal for a 12½-cent hourly wage reduction.

Present wages, hours and conditions will prevail during the contract extension. Negotiation meetings for the five crafts were scheduled as follows: Teamsters, May 2; Cement Finishers, May 5; Carpenters, May 15, in Stockton; Operating Engineers, May 19; and Laborers, May 23.

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What brought about these changes?

Mainly they were brought about by unions working together with fair employers under the American system of private enterprise, through the practice of collective bargaining. Through collective bargaining over the years, the American Federation of Labor has gained many objectives that seemed Utopian and visionary back in the 1880's. For instance:

—That Samuel Gompers first enunciated the doctrine of "Conservation of Child Life"?... and that the American Federation of Labor led the struggle against child labor in industry, winning its abolition in 1938 under the Wage and Hour Law?

That the American Federation of Labor pioneered in the movement for free, public, compulsory education for children?

That the idea of Workmen's Compensation... the idea that workers should be recompensed for disability or death resulting from their employment... was pioneered by Mr. William Green in 1911 when he was a State Senator in Ohio?

That the AFL continued to advocate it until all states adopted it (Mississippi, in 1948, was 48th)? That no industry would willingly return to the old "Who Cares?" attitude of the 1880's?

That the AFL was in the forefront of the fight for Social Security, old age pensions, retirement benefits? — today seeks increased rates, more extensive coverage, plus adequate minimum wage?

The American Federation of Labor is proud of these accomplishments—and many others. But the AFL recognizes that attainment of these was possible only under the enterprise system.

## Apprentices: 4 Out Of 5 Are Vets

Washington.—Four out of five of all apprentices employed throughout the country are war veterans, William F. Patterson, director of the Bureau of Apprenticeship, U. S. Department of Labor, said here.

Speaking at a regional conference of the National Economic Commission of the American Legion, Patterson said there are more than 233,000 registered apprentices in the skilled trades. By registered apprentices are meant only those listed with the Bureau of Apprenticeship or a state apprenticeship agency.

"Management, labor and governmental agencies are cooperating to make possible the employment and training of this large number of former servicemen," Patterson declared.

"Employers and unions have waived the usual age limitations for veterans, and in numerous cases local apprenticeship programs specify employment preferences to veterans seeking apprenticeship training."

He pointed out that "while no statistics on the exact number of disabled veterans in apprenticeship are available, a good example is the electrical industry of Baltimore. Out of 274 electrician apprentices in that city, 30 are partially disabled former servicemen."

Patterson added, "Anticipating interest in apprenticeship on the part of veterans, the Bureau of Apprenticeship in 1945 collaborated with the Military Services to provide informational material to men awaiting their discharge in separation centers."

## Housing in Bay Area Up Sharply; Mostly in S. F.

Construction of about twice as many dwelling units as during the preceding month of February was started in March in the five counties immediately surrounding S. F. Bay, according to Max D. Kossoris, regional director of the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. As against 1,420 units in February, the estimate for March was 2,840. This figure also exceeds the volume of construction started during March a year ago by more than 50 per cent.

All of the gain, however, was concentrated in San Francisco County. One large apartment project, consisting of 11 structures which are to provide 1,683 dwelling units, accounts for the increase. Each of the other four counties—Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin and San Mateo—had a slightly lower volume of construction started during March than in February.

The same general decrease in new construction activity was noted in three of the other four Bay Area counties: Napa, Santa Clara and Solano. Only Sonoma showed a gain over February, and that gain was slight.

Sharp increases in authorizations for new residential construction, however, indicate considerably increased building activity during the next month or two in the cities of San Leandro, San Rafael, Daly City, Menlo Park and Belmont.

Builders' estimates of the cost of residential construction in the five immediate Bay Area counties total over \$35,000,000, for an average cost per dwelling unit of \$12,300.

Nationally, construction started during March is estimated at 62,000 non-farm dwelling units, as compared with 46,000 during February, and 76,400 during March a year ago.

New dwellings started in March, by counties, were: Alameda County, 314; Contra Costa County, 200; Marin County, 65; San Francisco County, 1,874; San Mateo County, 390; Santa Clara County, 373; Solano County, 23.

## Refrigerators Pile Up, 4,000 Laid Off

New York.—Westinghouse and General Electric, the two major producers of electrical products—both announced widespread layoffs as a result of what they called declining consumer demand.

Westinghouse said it had laid off 2,539 since the beginning of 1949. Major layoffs took place at its E. Pittsburgh plant, Lima and Mansfield, O., and Sunbury, Pa.

General Electric's Erie, Pa., plant officials announced they would "furlough" 1,200 workers by the end of April. They blamed the layoffs on the end of "the peak of post-war demand" for refrigerators, the main product of the plant.

A layoff of over 600 workers from the Philco corporation's Philadelphia refrigerator plant was described by a company spokesman as "an adjustment." Company Pres. William Balderston said "a normal seasonal pattern" has reappeared in the refrigerator business.

## Students Protest Bias of Professors

New York.—Demanding the suspension of two professors accused of anti-Jewish and anti-Negro bias, thousands of students at the up-town division of the City College of New York remained away from their classes.

The strike was called by the Student Council to force the college administration to take appropriate action against Prof. William E. Knickerbocker, who has been charged with anti-Semitic activities by four faculty members, and against Prof. William E. Davis, who has already been found guilty of anti-Negro prejudice by a teachers' investigating committee at the school.

Carrying out the intent of a student referendum, pupils set up picketlines outside the entrances to the college April 11. While hundreds paraded in an orderly fashion, thousands of others remained away from classes, pledging their solidarity in the fight to end bigotry at the college.

## Hotel Employees' Union Has Membership Gain

Chicago.—Fine gains in membership and wages, on the railroads and in other fields, were reported by officers of the AFL's Hotel and Restaurant Employees as the union prepared to open its 32d international convention here.

President Hugo Ernst revealed that over-all membership has hit the 430,000 mark and Secretary-Treasurer Edward Miller declared the union now has more than 12,000 members in the dining car service and in other eating facilities of the railroads. That represents almost all in that class of service.

## Ads Lead News Items in the Nation's Press

New York.—Advertising far outstripped news coverage in the nation's press last year, an analysis by Media Records shows.

The newspapers ran 60 per cent advertising, compared to 40 per cent news content. A further breakdown disclosed the following advertising content: mornings, 57.5 per cent; evenings, 60.4 per cent; Sundays, 58.8 per cent; total, 58.8 per cent.

The ratio reversed the 1941 pattern, which was 40 per cent advertising and 60 per cent news content. Last year was also the most profitable advertising year in newspaper history. National advertisers' investment in newspaper space reached a new all-time high of \$389,261,000 in 1948.

## Sea Monster Caught

Terminal Island.—One of the keenest pleasures of ocean fishing is speculation on what type of sea creature has seen fit to strike at the business end of your line.

In California waters, it could be anything from an anchovy to a zebra mackerel.

But Norman Levin of Hollywood wasn't prepared for the ugly sea monster he landed recently in Los Angeles Harbor. The 39-inch fish without fins or tail was taken to the Terminal Island laboratory of the Division of Fish and Game for identification.

There, Biologist John E. Fitch spotted it as a rare eel-like one of three specimens taken in North America. Fitch and Dr. Carl L. Hubbs of the Scripps Institute of Oceanography will publish a detailed account of the ocean addity next fall.

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## KC Building Trades Win 10-25c Pay Raises

Kansas City, Mo.—Wage disputes which threatened to bring a halt to commercial building construction here were settled with wage increases of 10c to 25c an hour for the 14 AFL building trades unions involved.

Negotiations were not carried on through the Building and Construction Trades Council but with each union individually. About 8,000 workers benefit.

Lathers and plasterers won an increase of 25 cents an hour, truck drivers received 15 cents, and other crafts got 10 cents.

Connecticut Valley farms in New England now produce annually some 10,000,000 pounds of tent or shade-grown tobacco which supplies much of the wrapper material for America's yearly output of about 6,000,000 cigars.

## LABOR COUNCIL NOTES

Monterey County Central Labor Union, Salinas, California  
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Assemblyman James Silliman was a visitor at the meeting of the Monterey County Central Labor Union at Salinas on April 22, giving a detailed and very interesting report on the current state legislature sessions and actions.

While refusing to discuss the so-called "Hot Cargo Bill," since then temporarily killed in committee, Silliman did describe a number of "crack-pot" bills which have been presented.

He predicted that there would be no additional increases in taxes as result of legislature action this year. He urged labor union representatives to keep in touch with him.

Teamsters Union 890 has called upon all union people who use laundry services and linen services to patronize Galland's Laundry, only 100 per cent union laundry in the area.

William Price was obligated as

new delegate from Sugar Workers Union 20616.

Donation of \$29.00 to the Red Cross was reported by Barbers Union 827.

The substitute bill submitted by Congressman Wood of Georgia to replace the Taft-Hartley Act, proposed for adoption instead of the Truman measure which would repeal the present act and replace the old Wagner Act, actually is more severe than the T-H measure.

The Wood Bill makes it easier for employers to get injunctions against unions and goes much farther to curtail union activity than does T-H.

You should write Senators Downey and Knowland and Congressman Bramblett and urge them to support S-247, repeal of T-H, and to oppose the Wood Bill (HR-4290).

### Hand Luggage

There is a good chance that your hand luggage will withstand hard treatment if you buy either plastic covered bags or those made of vulcanized fibreboard. Leather and plain fibreboard are most susceptible to damage. According to Consumer reports, a study made by the National Bureau of Standards reveals these and other facts about types of hand luggage. In addition to laboratory tests, the Bureau sent loaded bags on a 12,000-mile railroad trip around the country. As a result of both use and laboratory tests, the Bureau found that the four chief types of damage sustained in baggage room and travel are broken handles, broken or bent hardware, separation of frames or covering of frames, and puncturing of surfaces. In general, it was found that larger size bags break more frequently than the smaller ones. Most of the best handles were found in inexpensive bags. The Bureau's survey showed that most travelers overload their bags, which contributes to luggage damage. Failure to lock luggage, which is also common, may result in damage to the hardware because locks and catches often come open when the bags are severely jarred. Vulcanized fibreboard bags, which scored high in the tests, are relatively inexpensive. Plastic-covered bags are relatively expensive.

### Fats and Oils

Different cooking uses require different types of fats and oils. However, all the oils, lards and shortenings tested by Consumers Union were found up to standard, so that it is safe to select a brand of the type you need on the basis of price. Widely advertised and frequently more expensive brands showed no significant advantages. Any of the 11 brands of vegetable shortenings, 9 brands of cooking and salad oils and 9 brands of lard tested can be used for pan frying if not heated to a point where the fat begins to smoke, but for deep-fat frying where higher temperatures are required, only those fats that do not smoke at these temperatures should be used. For shortening of most baked goods, lards and solid hydrogenated oil shortenings are preferred, but for cake the latter are considered best. Salad dressings may be made with any of the oils. Acceptable hydrogenated oil shortenings suitable for all purposes are, according to CU, Co-op Fry Bake, Kroger, Red and White, and Sno-Kream. Rated acceptable but not suitable for deep-fat frying, are Crisco, Dexo, Durkee's, Marvo, Snowdrift and Spry. Some acceptable oils are Co-op Corn Oil, Durkee's Peanut Oil, Mazola Salad Oil, Planter's Hi-Hat Peanut Oil (not suitable for deep-fat frying) and Wesson Oil. Among lards found acceptable are Armour Star, Cudahy's Rex, Morrell Snow Cap, Sunnyfield and Swift's.

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**THE SHOP CARD drive still continues:** Remember to look for the Shop Card when making any purchases; and remember to spend your money where you see the emblem of your Union. The following firms employ members of your Union and these places of business merit your patronage: Firestone Stores at Monterey and San Luis Streets; Les Thompson's Tire Service, Front and Alisal Streets; Deane Tire Service, E. Gabilan and Monterey; Lamar Brothers, E. Market and Monterey; Don Hultz Tire Shop, Pajaro and Alisal; Harry Rhoades Tire Service, John and Front; Richfield Station next to the Department of Employment on Monterey Street; and Sears at Valley Center.

We also urge our members to patronize the following cab companies: In Salinas, Black and White Cab, Salinas 5565; Yellow and Checker, Salinas 7337; Packard Cab, Salinas 8001. In Monterey, Rusty's Cab Service and Monterey Taxi Service.

All other cab firms are non-union as far as the Teamsters are concerned.

Remember, the Texhoma, Ace, City and Dependable cabs do not employ members of the Teamsters Union. This company is on the Teamsters' unfair list and any member found riding an unfair cab will be subject to the union's constitution and by-laws.

### SET FIRST KIDDIS SHOW

About 2600 children are expected at the first Kiddies Show, which is set for May 7, 10 a. m., at the Salinas High School Auditorium. All children 12 years and under are invited absolutely free. Your union asks you to extend this invitation to your neighbor's children, to become a member of the Teamsters Kiddies Klub.

**Important, Produce Drivers:** A meeting is scheduled for the Produce Division for Salinas, Watsonville and Hollister, for members of Local 287 and your union, Local 890, for the purpose of discussing your 1949 agreement. This applies to men hauling produce between the fields and packing sheds. The time, 8 p. m.; place, Moose Hall, 121A Monterey St., Salinas; date, Monday, May 9, 1949. It is important all produce drivers attend, and be sure to have your paid-up dues book with you for identification.

A meeting was held for the Highway Drivers last Sunday. You will be notified of the results of the aggregate of votes shortly. Remember, this vote was taken by all highway drivers throughout the state of California.

**Legislation:** All members are urged to write to their congressmen that they do not want any part of the substitute bill, HR-4290, for the Taft-Hartley Act. This is known as the Wood Bill and in many instances it is phonier than the Taft-Hartley Act.

Brothers Andrade and Harris at this writing are attending a conference of the National Produce Council in Chicago, and will no doubt have an interesting report for all employees in the produce, canning, processing, and produce drivers.

**Remember to patronize places of business where the Shop Card is displayed.** You can identify this Shop Card by the emblem which heads this column.

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## Grain Millers Affiliate With Union Label Trades

The American Federation of Grain Millers became affiliated on March 1 with the AFL Union Label Trades Dept. S. P. Ming is president and H. A. Schneider is secretary-treasurer of the American Federation of Grain Millers, the address of which is 819 Metropolitan building, Minneapolis 1, Minnesota.

"With its affiliation to our department the AFGM brings an impressive list of reputable millers that process all grains," said I. M. Ornburn, secretary-treasurer of the Union Label Trades Department, "and now there is no excuse for union-minded housewives to use any brand of flour or other grain product on which the Union Label is not displayed."

## Safer Mining for Chinese

Tientsin.—Chinese miners at the British-owned Kailan collieries, the biggest and most modern coal producers in the country, have forced the company to introduce safety procedures never before practiced here. The workers' demands were enforced through a series of mass meetings which had the support of the new government.

Under one of the terms of the new agreement, a workers' safety committee will inspect the entire mining area and recommend improvements to the company. "The day when capitalists could play with the lives of Chinese workers is now over in liberated China," the miners' union declared in a statement at the conclusion of negotiations.

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